Japan

We last featured selected pages of Japan back in 2009. Since then the Reference collection has been expanded to include the Japanese collection formed by Bill Bauer, past APS President, who bequeathed his entire estate to the American Philatelic Society several years ago. We are pleased to present the following pages, each one individually created by Bill using the Keuffel & Esser Co. Leroy Lettering equipment

JAPAN

90th Anniversary of the Japanese Postal System
Reproductions of the hand-engraved issues of 1871- 1876
Prepared by the Japan Postage Stamp Publicity Association
under supervision of the Postal Services Ministry

Native paper, no syllabic characters

1 sen blue of August 23, 1872
2sen vermillion of August 23, 1872
1/2sen brown of October 3, 1872

4sen rose of April 1, 1873
2sen yellow of June 5, 1873

Dark, dull colors

Not valid for postage

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Native paper, with and without syllabic characters

6 sen violet brown, with syllabic character, issue of February 7, 1874
10 sen yellow green, without syllabic character, issue of October 3, 1872

20 sen lilac, without syllabic character, issue of October 3, 1872
30 sen gray, without syllabic character, issue of October 3, 1872

Released September 20, 1961
Not valid for postage

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Bird designs, with syllabic characters

12 sen rose, Wild goose, issue of January 1, 1875
15 sen lilac, Wagtail, issue of January 1, 1875

45 sen lake, Goshawk, issue of January 1, 1875

Released April 20, 1961
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Second issue; The sen currency Dragons
Perforated March 26, 1872

1/2 sen brown
1 sen blue

2 sen vermillion
5 sen blue green

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2 sen vermillion, issue of August 23, 1872
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4 sen rose, issue of April 1, 1873
2 sen yellow, issue of June 5, 1873

Light, bright colors

Not valid for postage

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Color changes, with syllabic characters

10 sen ultramarine, issue of February 4, 1875

20 sen rose, issue of February 4, 1875
30 sen violet, issue of February 4, 1875

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Color changes, with syllabic characters

1/2 sen gray, issue of February 4, 1875
1 sen brown, issue of February 4, 1875

4 sen green, issue of February 4, 1875
6 sen orange, issue of February 4, 1875

Not valid for postage

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Foreign paper, without syllabic characters

1sen brown, issue of February 4, 1875
4sen green, issue of February 4, 1875

1sen brown, issue of August 1875
2sen yellow, issue of August 1875
5sen green, issue of March 19, 1876

Not valid for postage

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Foreign paper, with and without syllabic characters

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First issue; The mon currency Dragons
Imperforate April 20, 1871

48 mon brown
100 mon blue

200 mon orange
500 mon blue green

Not valid for postage

JAPAN

FACSIMILES

"Mon" Dragons 1871

"Sen" Dragons 1872

Issue on "native paper" without syllabic characters
1872–1873

Prepared privately as a philatelic souvenir
of the 1964 Summer Olympic Games

JAPAN

FACSIMILES

"Bird" series 1875

Color changes, "foreign wove paper" with syllabic characters 1875

Color changes, "foreign wove paper" without syllabic characters 1875

New designs 1875–1876

Prepared privately as a philatelic souvenir of the 1964 Summer Olympic Games

JAPAN

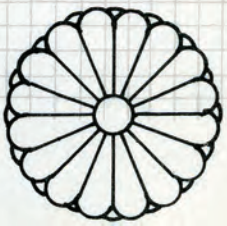
FACSIMILES

Issue on "native paper" with syllabic characters 1874

Issue on "foreign wove paper" without syllabic characters 1874

Issue on "foreign wove paper" with syllabic characters 1874

Prepared privately as a philatelic souvenir of the 1964 Summer Olympic Games



1883-1892

Perforated 8 to 14 and compound

January 1, 1883

73

74

March 10, 1882

77

79

81

82

83

84

March 19, 1889

95

May 6, 1892

Precancel?

Specimen Overprints

1876-1877

1882-1892

1908

"STAMP COLLECTION BOOKLET"
For sale to tourists visiting Japan

The booklet contains early Japanese stamps, postal cards, and revenue stamps

25th Anniversary of the Wedding of
Emperor Meiji and Empress Hara

March 9, 1894

Victory in the Sino-Japanese War (1894-1895)

August 1, 1896

General Yoshihisa Kitashirakawa

Field Marshal Akihito Arisugawa

1899-1907

Perforated 11-1/2 to 14 and compound

April 1, 1899

March 27, 1901

April 4, 1899

October 10, 1900

May 6, 1906

June 1, 1899

April 1, 1899

97

May 15, 1906

98

January 1, 1899

October 1, 1899

August 20, 1907

October 1, 1899

January 1, 1899

October 10, 1899

104

October 10, 1899

105

106

107

108

BOOKLET PANES

May 1, 1907

Pink

99c

Rose

96a

103a

Wedding of Crown Prince Yoshihito

April 28, 1900

Amalgamation of the Postal Services of Japan and Korea

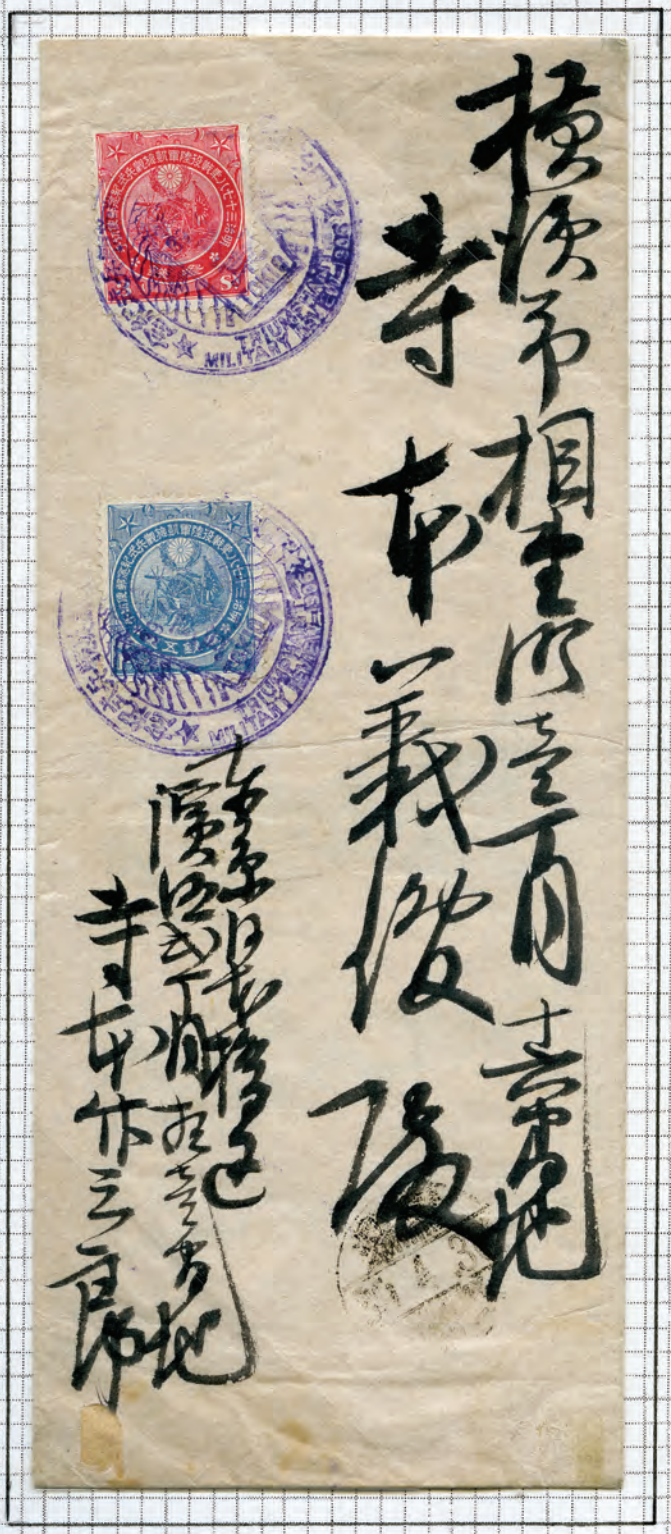
July 1, 1905

110

Triumphant Military Review Following the Russo-Japanese War

April 29, 1906

Triumphant Military Review Following the Russo-Japanese War



With special commemorative cancel

Wedding of Crown Prince Yoshihito

1914-1925

Watermarked Zig-Zag Lines
Large Die, 19 x 22-1/2 mm

May 20, 1914

132

137

139

146

147

August 16, 1919

134

136

141

143

September 15, 1925

1914-1933

Watermarked Zig-Zag Lines

18-1/2 x 22-1/2 mm

18-1/2 x 21-1/2 mm

1924-1933

Watermarked Zig-Zag Lines

New Dies

Flat Plate - 18-1/2 x 22 mm
Rotary Plate - 18-1/2 x 22-1/2 mm

August 1929

March 1930

December 1928

129b

February 1926

131b

March 1930

133a

January 21, 1930

1930

1930

140a

September 1, 1929

142

March 1930

145a

BOOKLET PANES

1928

Watermarked Zig-Zag Lines
Die II 18-1/2 x 22 mm

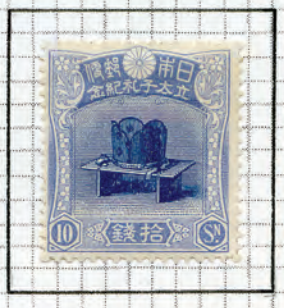
Earl Printing – Carmine

Late Printing – Carmine Rose

JAPAN

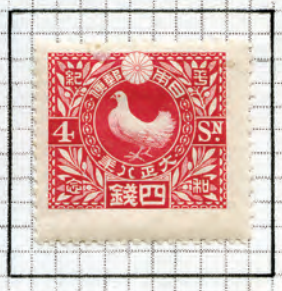
Nomination of the Heir Apparent

November 3, 1916



Restoration of Peace at the End of World War I

July 1, 1919



First National Census

September 25, 1920

Provincial Governor, ca 645 AD

Dedication of the Meiji Shrine

November 1, 1920

50th Anniversary of the Japanese Postal Service

April 20, 1921

National and Postal Flags

Communications Ministry Building

Return of Crown Prince Hirohito From His European Visit

September 3, 1921

Battleships Katori and Kashima

Visit of Crown Prince Hirohito to Taiwan

April 16, 1923

Mount Niitaka

JAPAN

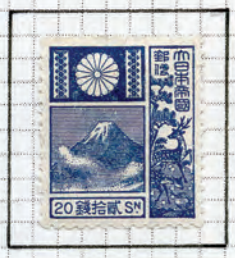
FACSIMILE

The four unissued stamps of 1923 were intended to commemorate the wedding of the crown prince (now Emperor Hirohito) but were abandoned because the September 1923 earthquake destroyed all copies except a few which had been sent to the mandated Marshall, Mariana, and Caroline Islands. The surviving copies were called back to Tokyo and were presented to guests at the postponed wedding ceremony on January 26, 1924

Watermarked Zig Zag Lines

Large Die 19 x 22-1/2 mm

January 1, 1922

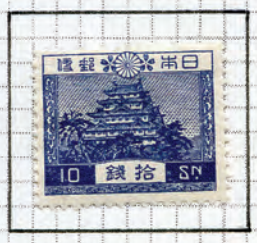


September 1, 1929

July 5, 1926

Mount Fuji

Yomei Gate, Nikko



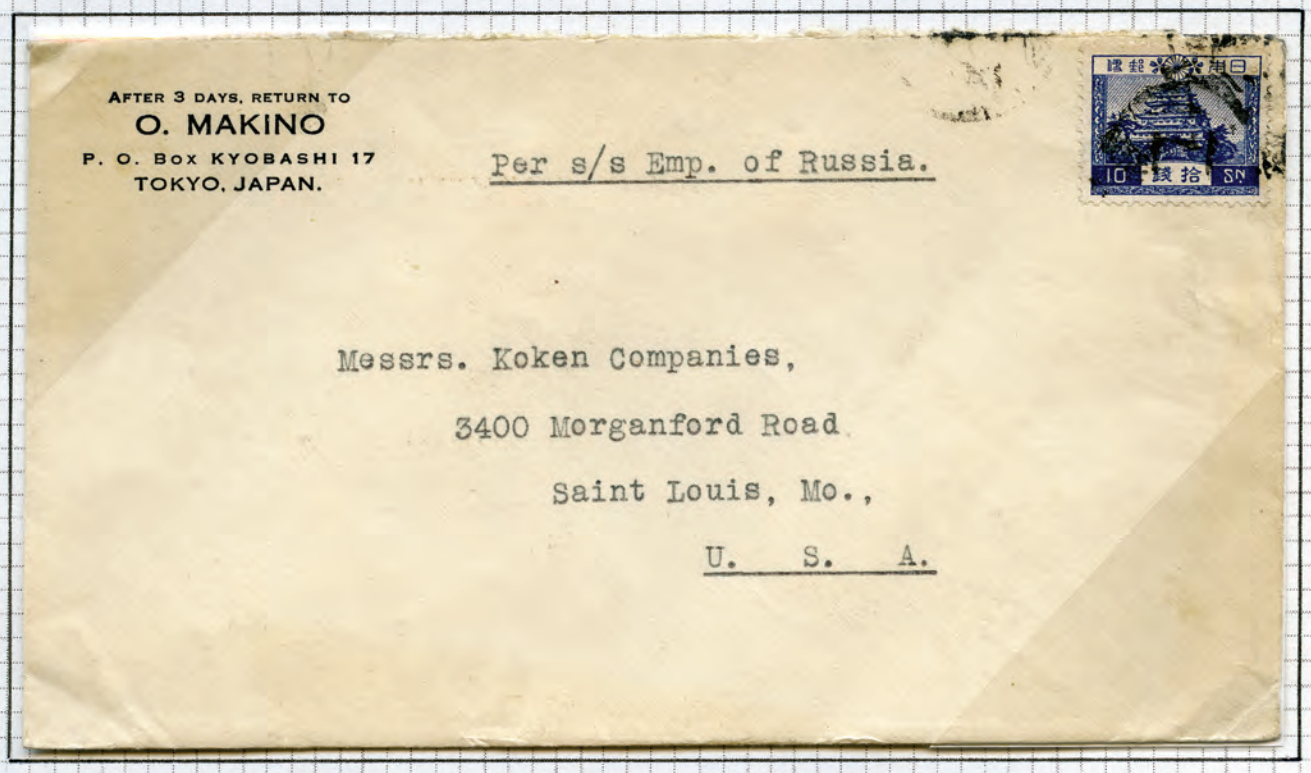
Nagoya Castle

Small Die 18-1/2 x 22 mm

1930

April 1, 1937

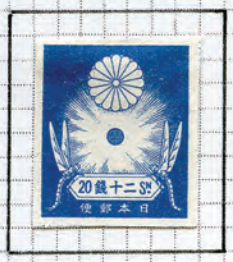
日本郵便
10 錢拾 SN
Mrs D. Screechfield
1003 West 102nd St.
Los Angeles
Calif.
U.S.A.


AFTER 3 DAYS, RETURN TO
O. MAKINO
P. O. Box KYOBASHI 17
TOKYO, JAPAN.
Per s/s Emp. of Russia.
日本郵便
10 錢拾 SN
Messrs. Koken Companies,
3400 Morganford Road
Saint Louis, Mo.,
U. S. A.

November 25, 1923

Watermarked Short Vertical Lines

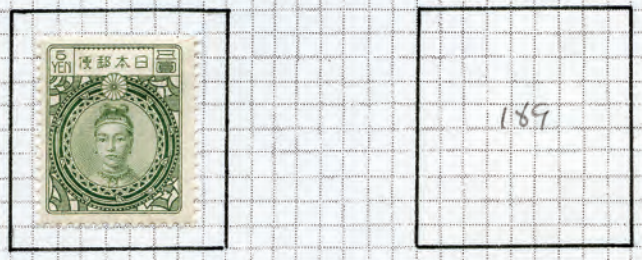
Issued Imperforate Without Gum



An emergency issue to replace stamp supplies destroyed in the 1923 earthquake.

Watermarked Zig Zag Lines

December 1, 1924



Empress Jingo

25th Wedding Anniversary
Emperor Yoshihito and Empress Sadako

May 10, 1925

November 1, 1933

KYOBASHI
924
KYOBASHI JAPAN 2.8.28.
TOKIO JAPAN 2.8.28.
R
TOKIO
No. B 365
Mr. Charles King,
53 High Street,
Wincanton, Somersetshire,
ENGLAND.

50th Anniversary of Membership in the Universal Postal Union

June 20, 1927

Enthronement of Emperor Hirohito

November 10, 1928

58th Reconstruction of the Ise Shrines

October 2, 1929

Every 20 years the shrines at Ise are re-built to their original design.

Second National Census

September 25, 1930

10th Anniversary of the Meiji Shrine

November 1, 1930

大阪市東區高麗橋貳丁目壹番地三井銀行建物
知恵院ゲン生命保險會社關西支部
電話本局二八〇番一四八〇番
長崎縣壱岐郡大阪七一九〇番
3 銭
15.9.20
大連京城大阪間郵便飛行
大連

SEMI-POSTALS

Patriotic Aviation Fund

June 1, 1937

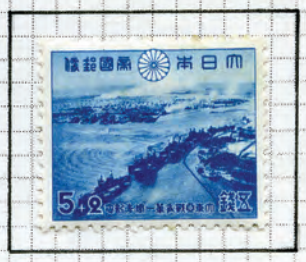
Surtax to build civil airports

Capture of Singapore

February 16, 1942

First Anniversary of the Greater East Asia War

December 8, 1942



Bataan

Pearl Harbor

Surtax for national defense

JAPAN

Semi-postal souvenir sheet. Issued to raise funds for the Red Cross and Community Chest organizations

Left 5+5yen	Red Cross Nurse Design by Watanabe Saburo
Right 5+5yen	A bird feeding her young Design by Kasori Teizo

October 1, 1948
Photogravure
Watermarked curved wavy lines
Imperforate
Issued without gum
401,000 printed

AIR MAIL

October 3, 1919

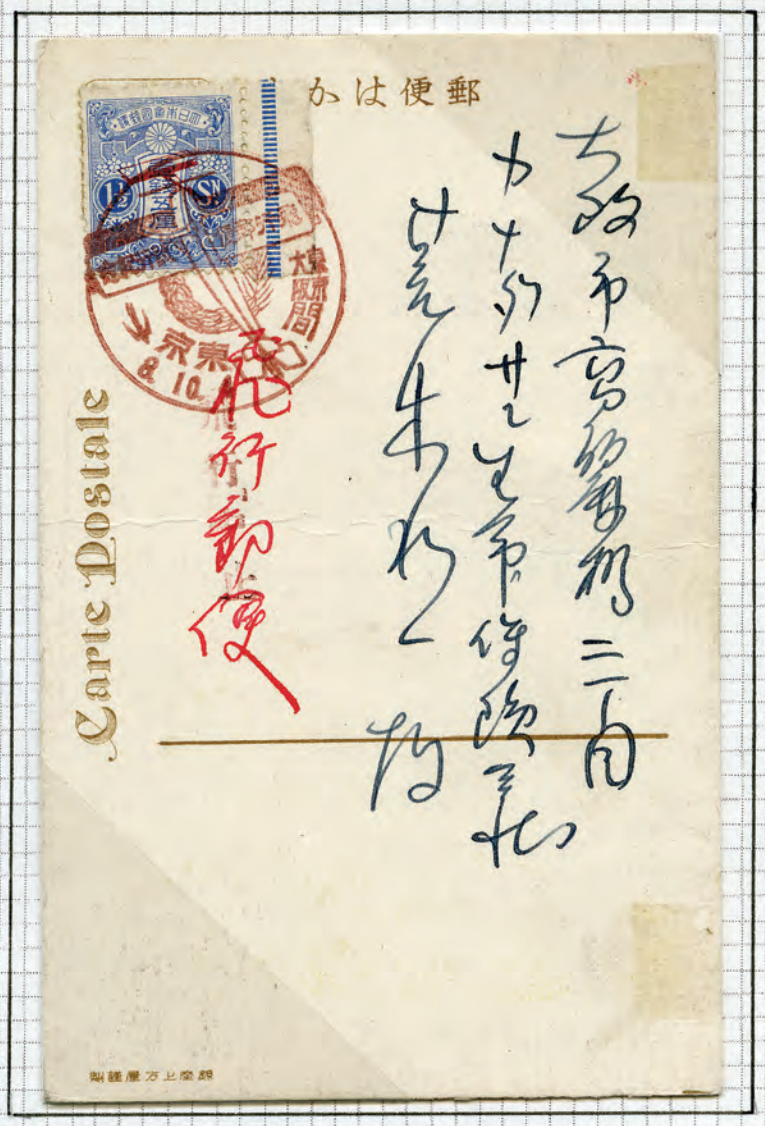
For use on the first air mail flight in the Japanese Islands

1929-1934

Lake Ashi

AIR MAIL

October 3, 1919



The first Japanese air mail flight took place on October 4, 1919

Commemorative cancel on special flight card

JAPAN

Issued to commemorate the 63rd anniversary of the modernization of the Japanese postal system.

The souvenir sheet was sold only at the Postal Exhibition in Tokyo April 20-27, 1934

Airplane over Lake Ashi-no-ko

The cancellation date .9 .4 .20 is equivalent to April 20, 1934.

April 20, 1934
Design by Yutaka Yoshida
Engraved
Watermarked horizontal zigzag lines
Perforated 13 1/2 x 13
15,000 printed

JAPAN

MISCELLANEOUS

From Kushiro, in eastern Hokkaido, Japan's northernmost main island,
whose Ainu village is a coaling, fishing, and lumbering center.
In the 1920's the municipal fathers issued a 30 sen, yellow, rectangular Notary Fee stamp,
which is little known, even in Japan.
Produced in small sheets most copies are straight-edged and all have ragged perforations

A Japanese Occupation of Penang stamp, several years later, used to seal an envelope and overprinted
by the sender's return address handstamp.

Postal Card cut squares

JAPAN

This is the bottom row from one of the many "Tourist Sheets" sold in Japan.
It includes 7 revenue stamps and 3 cut squares from postal cards.

JAPAN

REVENUES

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